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## **Revised Fiscal Note**

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**Bill Topic:** SCHOOL SECURITY DISBURSEMENT PROGRAM RECREATION Summary of ☐ State Revenue □ TABOR Refund **Fiscal Impact:** □ Local Government ☐ State Transfer This bill recreates a program in the Department of Public Safety to disburse funds to local education providers to make school security-related improvements. It increases state expenditures through FY 2031-32, and increases school district revenue and expenditures over the same period. **Appropriation** No appropriation is required. See State Appropriations Section. **Summary: Fiscal Note** The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill, as amended by the House Education Status: Committee.

# Table 1 State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 22-1120

		Budget Year FY 2022-23	Out Year FY 2023-24
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures	Cash Funds	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000
	Centrally Appropriated	\$18,280	\$18,280
	Total Expenditures	\$6,018,280	\$6,018,280
	Total FTE	1.0 FTE	1.0 FTE
Transfers		-	-
Other Budget Impa	ncts	-	-

### **Summary of Legislation**

This bill recreates the School Security Disbursement Program in the Department of Public Safety (DPS). The program provides funding to local education providers (LEPs) and eligible nonprofit entities to improve security in public schools. The program is repealed effective July 1, 2032.

The DPS shall disburse money to applicants from money credited to the School Security Disbursement Cash Fund, created in House Bill 22-1243, a bill currently under consideration by the General Assembly. This bill requires that the department distribute the money credited to the fund as quickly as practicable based on the receipt of qualifying applications.

An LEP or other eligible entity must apply to the DPS for funding and provide specified information in the application. The DPS must review and approve applications and disburse funds. Funds may be used for:

- capital construction to improve the security of a public school facilities or vehicles;
- training for threat assessment;
- training for peace officers on interactions with students; and
- staff training
- programs to help students become more resilient; and
- developing best practices related to a school safety incident response.

Grantees that received funds in the previous school year must report to the DPS the amount received, the source and amount of any matching funds, and the purposes for which the funds were used. Beginning in January 2024, the DPS must include a summary of the program's outcomes in its annual SMART Act hearing and prepare a written report for the education committees of the General Assembly.

## **State Expenditures**

This bill increases state cash fund expenditures for DPS by \$6.0 million annually for ten years, from FY 2022-23 through FY 2031-32. State expenditures are shown in Table 2 and are based on an assumed \$6.0 million annual transfer to the School Security Disbursement Program Cash Fund created in HB 22-1243.

Table 2 Expenditures Under HB 22-1120

		FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24
Department of Public Safety			
Personal Services		\$92,059	\$92,059
Operating Expenses		\$1,350	\$1,350
Capital Outlay Costs		\$6,200	-
School Safety Disbursements		\$5,900,391	\$5,906,591
Centrally Appropriated Costs <sup>1</sup>		\$18,280	\$18,280
FTE – Personal Services		1.0 FTE	1.0 FTE
	<b>Total Cost</b>	\$6,018,280	\$6,018,280
	Total FTE	1.0 FTE	1.0 FTE

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Centrally appropriated costs are not included in the bill's appropriation.

**Administration.** To administer the disbursement program, the DPS will add 1.0 FTE Grant Administrator to update program rules and application forms, conduct outreach, provide technical assistance to grantees, coordinate the application process, review and award grants, prepare reports, and conduct other administrative tasks. If improvements are made to school facilities, workload may also increase for the Division of Fire Prevention and Control to conduct additional plan reviews and inspections. If additional appropriations are required for the division, they will be addressed through the annual budget process.

**School safety distributions.** The remaining \$5.9 million will be distributed annually to eligible LEPs and non-profits.

#### **School District**

This bill increases revenue and expenditures for LEPs that apply for school security-related funding. The size of the impact depends on the number of requests made to DPS, and whether or not matching funds are provided. Workload will also increase to prepare applications and submit reports.

#### **Effective Date**

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature, except that disbursements from the program cash fund only takes effect if HB 22-1243 becomes law and takes effect on the effective date of this act, or House Bill 22-1243, whichever is later.

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### **State Appropriations**

No appropriation is required. Funding for HB 22-1120 is contingent on passage of HB 22-1243, which transfers \$6.0 million from the General Fund to the School Security Disbursement Program Cash Fund, which is continuously appropriated to the DPS for the grant disbursement program.

#### **State and Local Government Contacts**

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